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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the Office Action. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection and objection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 have been rejected. Claims 1-8 have been amended.

Claims 9-53 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

In-Person Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the in-person interview with Caleb Pollack, an attorney of record, and Rachel Bentov, a representative of the Assignee, on November 10, 2004.

During the interview, a demonstration was conducted of an embodiment of a product with which the invention may be used; a demonstration of the invention was not provided. A rewritten claim 1 was discussed, in view of Iyriboz et al., United States Patent Number 6,369,812 ("Iyriboz"). The amendments to claim 1 were provided as an example and were applicable, with appropriate modifications, to the other pending claims.

The Examiner indicated that she would positively reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the proposed claim amendments and that she and the Attorney of record will review the specification so that no new matter is introduced. In addition, Examiner Mercader indicated that the amendments may require a further search.

The proposed amendments are reflected in the claim amendments above. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims and specification add no new matter.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Schentag et al., United States Patent Number 5,279,607("Schentag"), Lemelson, United States Patent Number 5,993,378 ("Lemelson"), Iddan et. Al., United States Patent Number 5,604,531 ("Iddan") and Iyriboz.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Schentag, Lemelson, Iddan and Iyriboz, in view of the remarks that follow.

During the November 10 interview, a proposed claim amendment was discussed in order to overcome Iyriboz. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include substantially all the limitations which were discussed during the interview. Applicants therefore submit that claim 1 is therefore allowable.

For example, none of Schentag, Lemelson, Iddan and Iyriboz, alone or in combination, teach:

recording a first set of images using a swallowable imaging device ...
identifying an image showing a location of interest;
recording a second set of images ... using a swallowable imaging device ...;
... comparing images from the first set with images from the second set to
identify in the second set an image of interest corresponding to an image
in the first set, thereby determining the location of the imaging device
relative to the location of interest.

Iyriboz teaches an enhanced viewing system which combines images to create an overall image which can be viewed by a user at different viewpoints. None of Iyriboz or the other cited art teaches comparing two sets of images to determine the location of a device.

Claims 2-8, are dependent from amended independent claim 1, and include all the features of amended independent claim 1 as well as additional distinguishing features. Therefore, claims 2-8 are likewise allowable. Claims 9-47 are cancelled hereinabove. The rejection of claim 9-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 are therefore moot.

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Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-15, 24-37, 39-41 and 43-47 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Schentag, Lemelson, Iddan and Iyriboz be withdrawn.

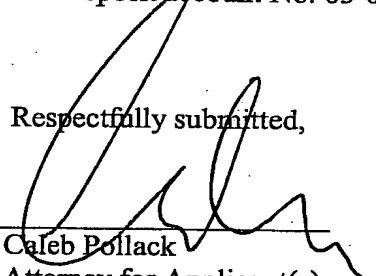
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Response and Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Except for the fee for the one month extension of time, being requested separately, no additional fees associated with this paper are believed to be due; however, please charge any such additional fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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